

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1023 - SB 1108

March 18, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes counties that have environmental courts to approve, by two-thirds vote of county legislative body, the empanelment of juries for general sessions courts when sitting as an environmental court.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$396,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Assumptions:

- There are currently three environmental courts, one each within Davidson, Shelby, and Knox Counties.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-4-101(a) and (b), every regular juror is entitled to receive at least \$10 for each day's attendance. In addition, any county with a metropolitan or home rule type of government may, at its option, set the compensation for each juror in its county by ordinance, to be paid out of the county treasury.
- The average jury payment is \$11 per day.
- For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that each court hears 1,000 cases each year that would be impacted by this legislation.
- The permissive increases in local government expenditures will be \$396,000 (1,000 cases x 3 counties x \$11 x 12 jurors) in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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